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Bata Gottwaldov (Zlin) Works*

1. The works employ 22,000 men, of whom 6,000 work in the machine shops and 800 in the foundry. Work is done in two shifts, with the exception of the foundry and the rubber works, where three shifts are employed. The works produce 11,000 pairs of shoes and 5,000 tires daily, as well as triangular section rubber driving belts, flat driving belts, rubber insulated flooring, and stockings. The machine shops produce machinery and machine tools for rubber working, shoemaking, etc. These machines and machine tools are partly for the use of other departments of the Bata complex, and partly for sale. Eighty percent of the goods produced are for export to the USSR, 10% for internal consumption and for export to satellite countries, and 10% for export to the West.
2. Raw rubber is obtained [redacted] in small quantities 50X1-HUM from the USSR. Reclaimed rubber is obtained from the Eastern Zone of Germany. Iron and steel are supplied from the iron works at Ostrov and Trinec, and special steel from Kladno. Coal is obtained from the Bata mines at Ratiborice and Dubnany.
3. Major recent developments at the works are as follows:
 - a. The manufacture of electric motors is being transferred from Gottwaldov to Roznov pod Radhostem, as is a part of the stocking factory. The space vacated is to be used for extending the machine shops.
 A new machine shop has been built between Malenovice and Kvitekvice and has already been connected by sidings with the railroad line. The building is 280 m. long by 80 m. wide and is ready to be put into operation. 50X1-HUM
 The Parik factory at Napajedla has been turned over to manufacturing gun carriages.
 Oil has been discovered at Hodonin and wells are being drilled.
 - e. The Bata aircraft factory in Kunovice near Uherske Hradiste is manufacturing aircraft, type Buecker 181, fitted with Praga 4 engines. Production is one aircraft per week. This factory is also making Krajanek gliders.

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- f. The railroad station at Otrokovice is being moved, and the tracks of the railroad junction are being relaid because the present arrangement is inadequate for the traffic.
- g. The airfield at Otrokovice is being abandoned in order to make room for a new rubber factory, of which one building has already been constructed.
- h. The railroad line from Otrokovice to Gottwaldov has been double tracked, and a second track is also being laid between Gottwaldov and Vizovice. It is intended to lay a second track from Vizovice to Valaska Polanka, but because of the difficult terrain this track will not be completed for some time.

Bata Batov Works

4. The works employ 6,000 men, working six days a week in two shifts.
5. The work consist of the following principal departments:
 - a. The new tannery built in 1947 and now in full operation. The building is 200 m. long by 80 m. wide and has eight floors. Hides are imported and other chemicals from the Bata chemical works.
 - b. The old tannery which consists of four buildings and is also in use.
 - c. Weaving of copper mesh; 15,000 kg. of mesh are produced per day.
 - d. Weaving fabrics for tires.
 - e. Textile factory, producing cloth for all purposes.
 - f. Machine shops producing rubber-and leather-making machinery and large cogwheels; employs 535 men in two shifts.
 - g. Assembly shops on three floors: on the first floor are the machine shops; the second floor, assembly unit; and the third floor, maintenance and spare parts shops.
 - h. Power station equipped with three turbo-generators using black coal dust as fuel and producing enough power for the whole works. The power station is also connected with the West Moravian electricity grid.
 - i. Harbor for river traffic which can be used by Danube vessels of 100 - 150 tons travelling from the Danube down the river Morava and up the mouth of the Drevnice to the works.
 - j. Woodworking shop producing shoe lasts and wooden models.
 - k. About 400 yards north of the works is a section of the Bata chemical factory producing pure cellulose and rubber solvents used for tire manufacture and glue.

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Batra Rubber Factory at Napajedla

6. The factory consists of three buildings of three floors each, and as production is to be increased, a fourth building is in process of construction. Output of the factory is principally military equipment, and a military liaison staff is attached to the factory.
7. Raw materials are brought via the main factory at Gottwaldov. The factory does not have its own power supply and draws its current from the Prerov power station. There is, however, a steam generating plant. The factory employs 3,000 men, of whom 340 are officials, and they work in three shifts. The night shift is only half strength.

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8. The factory produces gas masks, filters for which are manufactured by the Batov chemical works, rubber anti-gas clothing, rubber parts for shock absorbers for tanks, rubber parts for tank tracks and tractor tracks, rubber gaskets for automobiles, and various rubber parts for industrial and technical uses.

Bata Machine Tool Factory at Sezimovo Usti

9. The Bata Machine Tool Factory is located about half a kilometer from Sezimovo Usti near the railroad line to Ceske Budejovice. The factory manufactures lathes, radial boring machines and spinning machines.
10. Production is 8 lathes per day, 2 radial boring machines type R-2 per day, 1 type R-4 per day, and 1 type R-8 every two weeks. Products are exported to the USSR, Poland, Rumania, Bulgaria
11. The factory employs 1,400 men working in two shifts, but the foundry works in three shifts. Equipment of the factory includes one electric blast furnace, one cupola oven and three Bessemer furnaces. All equipment is in good condition. Electric power is used.
12. Materials come from the following places: iron and steel from Vitkovice, Trinec and Kladno; electric motors from the MEZ Factory in Roznov pod Radhostem;
13. The principal shortages are in non-ferrous metals and ball bearings.
14. Raw materials and finished goods are transported by rail, and the factory has its own railroad sidings.

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